

Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 29 and ending at the top of page 7 as follows:

Fig. 5 illustrates generally at 20 a catheter assembly in which the distal end 22 of an outer 24 which defines the inflation lumen 31 is joined to the proximal end 26 of dilatation balloon 28 through a powder coating layer 30. The distal end 32 of balloon 28 is joined to the distal end 34 of inner guide wire shaft 36 with a powder coating layer 30. The proximal end ~~34~~ 26 of dilatation balloon 28 is joined to the distal end 22 of outer 24 with a powder coating tie layer 30.